

Minutes for the ABAC meeting of October 18, 2017

Board members present were Christopher Tonkin, Jack Johnson, Doug Greenfield. Scott Smith, and Phil Goff. Elizabeth Shea was absent. Also in attendance were Stephan Miller, Nat Strosberg, Doug Mayo-Wells, Adam James McNeill, Rod Holland, and Joey Glushko.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

Review of Minutes. The minutes for the August and September meetings were deferred as we did not have enough time to review them.

COBWEB No comments from the officer.

TAC report. TAC was meeting concurrently so Scott will present the report at a later date. They are conducting counts to justify replacing the HAWK light with a normal traffic light.

Related issues in Arlington Center: Christopher put in a request to remove a dead tree by the Uncle Sam statue. Jack mentioned that the walk light at the Arlington Center crossing is not working correctly; it does not come on automatically. On behalf of ABAC, Scott will submit a letter to the Selectmen about this crossing, containing the points that we had agreed to in our September meeting.

Lake Street Crossing The 75% design hearing was held-response was very mixed, many like it as it is, some want a better solution, etc.

Signs on the Bikeway behind Trader Joe's Discussion was held about the need for signs warning seniors at Drake Village about crossing the bikeway. We should think about cautions signs with for seniors and for bicyclists.

General Signage We will duplicate Lexington's application for CPA funding and then discuss what signs to place in what locations.

Bike Share Working Group The MAPC is looking for a common RFP among the area towns for a bike share network. Motivate (Hubway) contacted Nat about setting up a deckles system. We need to look at bike parking opportunities if we are going to have one or more dock-less systems.

Alan McClennan's DVD Nat has a copy but need approval from Glen who made the video to put it online

Fall Bike Counts Nat will summarize results. There was a continued upward trajectory

New Bike Lanes in Cambridge We may need to communicate with the Cambridge Bicycle Committee about the situation where the lanes end abruptly shortly before Rt 16.

Bikeway Anniversary Celebration Looking for an open house type day rather than a planned ride to simplify the planning. The committee will meet Thursday to get a specific date.

Town Day ABAC gave out 60 helmets, there are still some left. We are looking for a school to give them away to. \$1000 worth of T-shirts were sold. We still have about half of them left - about 150.

Winter Social Richard Fries from MassBike may be speaking about the increase in suburban bicycling. We need to coordinate with his schedule. The Common Ground is getting expensive but we will probably use it again because it is a popular venue.

Walk Boston Event Was well attended. Jack and Phil noted that the main concerns were about e-bikes - their speed and weight. People were also concerned about dock-less bike share systems- bikes being left all over the place.

Other Items.

No feedback on Vision 2020 Survey

Joan Roman will put out an ad for Ron Sender's successor on the board

The ABAC Facebook page has been updated.

The next Tri-Town meeting will be hosted by Lexington- date TBA

The new repair facility with a pump at Thorndike Field is approved and should show up any time now.

Minutes submitted by Doug Greenfield.